Integrated Medical Course

1760. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to introduce an integrated course of Medicine by taking the best of all systems of medicine namely Allopathy, Homoeopathy, Unani, Ayurveda and Siddha for better treatment of patients at low cost;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (c) Integration of different medical systems is not favoured either by Medical Council of India or by Central Council for Indian Medicine. The present policy is to develop each of these systems in accordance with its genius.

Eye-banks in the Country

1761. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state

(a) what is the number of corneal blindness in the country at present;

(b) what is the number of corneal transplantations per annum at present;

(c) whether there is any proposal to increase the number of Eye-banks in the country;

(d) if so, the details therof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) According to the National Blindness Survey (1986-89) the number of persons in the country with corneal opacity was estimated at 1.9 lakhs.

(b) During 1991, 5400 corneal transplantations were performed.

(c) to (e) Yes, Sir. Proposals have been invited from the State Governments.

Setting up a CGHS Dispensary at "C" Block, Janakpuri

1762. SHRI PASUMPON THA. KIRUTTINAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present position with regard to the setting up of a CGHS dispensary in 'C' Block of Janakpuri, New Delhi; which has been panding for several years now; and

(b) by when the dispensary is expected to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) Building for a new dispensary at C-Block Janakpuri CGHS is under construction. As soon as the construction work of the building is over, the Dispensary will be set up there.

Stray Dogs Menace in Delhi

1763. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that number of stray dogs in Delhi have gone up considerably due to court stay on their killing;

(b) whether the street dogs are a menace to people of Delhi; if so, the measures Government propose to take to have the stay lifted, and

(c) the other steps Government propose to take to curb the menace?

THE MINISTER OF STAE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) Government is not aware of any stay given by Court on killing stray dogs or of any considerable increase in the population of stray dogs because of it.

(b) Question doesn't arise.

(c) Municipal Corporation of Delhi has reported elimination of suspected rabies and diseased dogs by painless methods, immunization and sterilization of healthy dogs, management of rabies cases and health education regarding prevention of rabies. Animal Welfare Board of India is providing assistance to animal welfare organisations in Delhi for animal birth control and anti-rabies programme.

Imports of Medico-Electronic Equipment

1764. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that medico-electronic equipment worth Rs. 440 crores is imported annually;

(b) whether Government propose to help indigenous industry to boost production thereof in order to reduce imports; if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) According to the Director General of Foreign Trade, though they do not have complete data in this respect, however, as per information available with them, medico-electronic equipment worth Rs. 91.04 crores and Rs. 63.83 crores were imported during 1990-91 and 1991-92 respectively.

(b) and (c) To encourage indigenous manufacture of medical electronic equipment, the Government has recently reduced import duty on component parts required for the manufacture of specified medical equipments.

Fire in AIIMS Complex

1765. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:
SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA:
SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI RAM NARESH YADAV:
SHRI SURESH KALMADI:
SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA:
CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH:
SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:
SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM:
SHRI SOM PAL:
SHRI SARADA MOHANTY:
DR. NAUNIHAL SINGH:
SHRI RAM GOPAL YADAV:
SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the facts relating to fire which took place in the All India Institute of Medical Sciences Building, New Delhi on 26th April, 1993;

(b) the nature and extent of damages caused to AIIMS buildings, machinery and other equipments and what are the details in this regard;

(c) whether it is also a fact that valuable years long research works were ruined to ashes due to the fire;

(d) whether Government have conducted any inquiry to prove the cause of fire;

(e) if so, what are the details in this regard and also the report of inquiry;

(f) whether AIIMS was equipped with fire fighting equipments; and

(g) if not, the reasons therefor?